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SUBJECT: SHIELD S32-06: FRENCH COMPANY COOPERATION WITH
IRAN ON NBC EQUIPMENT (S)

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Classified By: Stuart Dwyer for reasons 1.4 (B, D, H).

11. This is an action request. See paragraph 4.

12. On February 1, econoff met with MFA DAS-equivalent for Export Control Marc Abensour and his Deputy Jacques Raharinaivo to discuss the possibility that a French company, Paul Boye Manufacturing, may have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with two subsidiaries of the Iranian Defense Industries Organization (DIO) to cooperate in the area of nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) protective and decontamination suits. Abensour said that this was a serious issue that merited investigation and thanked econoff for bringing it to his attention. He promised that he would coordinate with his interagency colleagues.

13. Abensour said that he and his counterparts from EU Member State countries had compared export policies toward Libya earlier in the week and determined that EU Member State export controls were still quite rigorous. He requested information on whether the USG had loosened its dual use export controls regarding Libya and whether there was a debate on whether to also make more flexible export controls on military equipment.

14. Action request. Post requests information that we can pass to Abensour regarding any change in USG policy on dual use and military equipment regulations towards Libya. End action request.
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